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Docket No.: CL/V-31987/WEJ1469
Cust. No. 001095

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CARLSON, ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/892,345

FILED: JUNE 26, 2001

FOR: POLYURETHANE HYDROGEL CONTACT LENS

EXAMINER:

R. SERGENT

ART UNIT: 1711

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 18, 2003

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Restriction/Election Requirement dated September 18, 2002 from Examiner R. Sergent of Art Unit 1711 has been received and reviewed. The following is in response thereto.

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ELECTION

Examiner has required restriction to one of the inventions defined by Claims 1 - 11, 46, 55, and 56 (Group I) and Claims 12 - 45 and 47 - 54 (Group II).

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1 - 11, 46, 55, and 56) for examination. In reference to Claims 55 and 56, applicants select the species of a precursor with isocyanate terminal groups. Claims 1 - 11, 46, 55, and 56 are readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned.

Please address all correspondence to Novartis Corporation, Corporate Intellectual Property, One Health Plaza, Bldg. 430, East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees with may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

Respectfully submitted,



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